

**Home Visiting Task Force
Sustainability Workgroup Meeting
March 23rd, 2015**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Nancie Brown, Jay Young, Gail Nourse, Teresa Kelly (co-chair), Liz Heneks (co-chair), Christa Austin, Ralph Schubert, Shauna Ejeh, Nancy Shier, Penny Smith, Bakahia Madison, Anna Potere, Dan Harris

November 19th meeting minutes: The minutes were approved with one correction suggested by Shauna Ejeh.

Medicaid State Plan Amendment

- Regarding the “Target Population” paragraph:
 - We need to edit this language to make it clear that children can be enrolled in more than one of these services simultaneously, but that if they are enrolled in more than one service that provides case management at the same time, Medicaid reimbursement could only be secured for the provision of one of those services. It must be clear to HFS that they would not pay twice for the same service for the same family.
 - MIECHV has been working with DHS on contract language to help increase coordination and transitions between home visiting and BBO and this should be rolled out to the state.
- Regarding the sentence “Sixty to ninety-minute home visits are offered at least weekly beginning in the second trimester of pregnancy through the first six months of life”:
 - Replace “in the second trimester of pregnancy” with “prenatally” in order to set the maximum parameters for billing Medicaid.
 - Remove “sixty to ninety-minute”. We may want to have a discussion among program providers and funders about this. In some programs, a home visit is only counted if it is a complete hour. In EHS, if a visit is cut short the home visitor and participant can complete it at a later time. Some models and funders may prioritize the number of units per year over the length of each visit.
- Change the word “monthly” to “quarterly” in the following sentence under Description of Services: “Home Visitors review the implementation of each individual's care plan with the individual, family members, service providers, or other entities or individuals at least *monthly*”.

Meeting with HFS Director Norwood

- Gail Nourse and Ireta Gasner from the Ounce of Prevention Fund met with Director Norwood.
- Director Norwood recommended that when we are ready to present the State Plan Amendment to HFS, we should reach out to Jackie Ellinger at HFS.

MIECHV Reauthorization Efforts

- Representatives Boehner and Pelosi have proposed a 2-year extension as part of the “doc fix” legislation. Senator Kirk signed a letter of support.
- There is another bill proposing a 6-month extension, but advocates are urging support for the bill that would extend it for 2 years.

Exploring CAPTA CBCAP Funding for Home Visiting

- We explored whether there might be a possibility to expand funding for home visiting through CBCAP, as home visiting is named as an appropriate use of the funding. It has emerged that, at this time, it is unlikely that there is additional funding available for home visiting through CBCAP.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Next meeting: May 11th, 2015